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President's Message

Networking.....

Worth the Time and Effort.

by Paulette Snoby, MPA, BSN, RN, CCRN

As your ARNA President, I attended the American Healthcare Radiology Administrators (AHRA) 33rd Annual Meeting and Exposition in San Antonio, TX, August 7-11. Each year AHRA invites the presidents and directors of radiology associations as guests to this meeting. AHRA's purpose is to provide a forum to network and share the activities and concerns of the radiology community.

Some of the associations represented this year were the Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM), Association of Vascular and Interventional Radiographers (AVIR), Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS), Radiology Business Management Association (RBMA), American Society of Radiological Technologists (ASRT), American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT), Radiological Society of North America (RSNA), American College of Radiology (ACR), Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR), Society of Computer Application in Radiology (SCAR), and American Radiological Nurses Association (ARNA).

There were several opportunities in which each association was identified as members of the radiology community at the general sessions. ARNA participated in AHRA's silent auction benefiting its educational scholarship fund where ARNA membership, radiology nurse justification, job description, and certification brochures were displayed.

Each day at the convention, I met with radiology directors who were eager to hear about resources for radiology nurses and what ARNA had to offer its members.

Each member highlighted its group's purpose, membership statistics, annual meeting recap, and vital topics of concern for all during a combined meeting of all the associations. Spreading ARNA's mission, goals, membership benefits, and resources among our colleagues is networking at its best.

Why tell you about all this association-related activities? You hear and read about "networking" but do you know exactly what it is and why we do it? Webster defines *networking* as "the informal sharing of information and service among individuals or groups linked by a common interest." Radiology nurses must be more visible among the numerous radiology groups. It is needed for our survival and growth as a profession. We are a vital member of the radiology clinical team just as we are in the nursing profession. Through networking within nursing and the radiology community, our presence is strengthened and assured.

As part of the body of radiology, have *you* networked at a local ARNA chapter meeting, an angio club meeting, or another nursing association forum and discussed your challenging world of radiology nursing? No? In June of 2006 at ARNA's 25th Annual Convention, you and your nursing and technologist colleagues will have several days to network

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Call for Nominations

ARNA needs YOU! In exchange for your time to serve in an elected position, ARNA will assist you to learn new skills, enlarge your network of professional contacts, and make a difference for radiology nursing.

ARNA is acutely aware that time is valuable to our volunteers. In choosing to run for office, you offer your expertise, energy, and enthusiasm. ARNA provides support for our interests and projects as you serve members as a Director or Officer of the organization.

Those who choose to become more involved in ARNA have unique opportunities to advance the practice of radiological nursing, to interact with other healthcare professionals in radiology, and to use your years of expertise to affect positive changes for ARNA.

As a new member of the ARNA Board of Directors, you will have much to learn. You will also have the resources you need to acquire the knowledge necessary to steer a professional nursing specialty organization. Service at the elected level is a challenge and an opportunity that the ARNA Board of Directors extends to any member who is interested in serving.

Nominations in 2005 will be accepted for the following positions:

- ❖ President-Elect
- ❖ Treasurer
- ❖ Board Member
- ❖ Nominating Committee

Newly elected individuals will begin to serve their term of office following the ARNA Convention, June 22-25, 2006, in Las Vegas, NV.

Members of the Board of Directors meet two to three times a year and at the Annual Business Meeting. ARNA business is conducted on conference calls every two months. Eligibility requirements for office stipulate that each officer shall have been an active member of ARNA for at least one year preceding nomination and must remain active throughout his/her service in office. The President-Elect shall have served at least one year as a member of the Board of Directors or chaired any ARNA committee for a minimum of one year prior to nomination to this office. Below are brief descriptions of open positions:

President-Elect—Serves as the President-Elect for one year after which he/she becomes President for a term of one year. During the year as President-Elect this individual is mentored for the following year and carries out duties as assigned by the President. The President-Elect shall perform the duties of the office of President in the absence of the President.

Treasurer—Serves for a two-year term. The treasurer prepares the annual budget and oversees the budget and financial activities for the Association. The Treasurer is responsible for preparing quarterly reports for the Board of Directors and a report for the Annual Business Meeting.

Board Member—Serves for a three-year term. The Board member is part of the Board of Directors who makes decisions necessary for the function and continuation of the Association. The Board of Directors approves recommendations submitted by the various committees and staff members as directed by strategic planning. The Board member carries out duties as assigned by the President, which may include serving on task forces.

Nominating Committee Member—The Nominating Committee Member serves for a two-year term. Members of this committee oversee the nominating procedure through encouraging potential candidates, screening applicants for eligibility, and presenting a slate of candidates to the membership via the ballot. A Nominating Committee member is ineligible to be named on the ballot while serving in this capacity. Travel is not required in this position as the work is carried out via telephone calls, e-mails, and/or mail/fax.

All ARNA members in good standing are eligible to run provided they meet any special requirements of the office. Members may nominate themselves. The ARNA Board of Directors is responsible for approving the final ballot to be presented to the membership.

All officer and director positions are volunteer ones and are not financially compensated. Travel expenses are reimbursed per ARNA policy guidelines. Additional information about time requirements, reimbursement for expenses, meeting requirements, or other information can be obtained from the ARNA National Office at (866) 486-ARNA (2762) toll free or (850) 474-7292 or by e-mail @ arna@puetzamc.com. I am happy to speak to (or correspond with) anyone who is interested in running for office.

Look for the nominations form included with this issue of Vision. Applications can also be obtained off the ARNA Web site www.arna.net. For assistance, contact me or members of the Nominating Committee through the ARNA National Office.

All nomination forms must be postmarked no later than December 1, 2005. Please complete all the required information included in the nomination application and include a passport-type photo with the application.

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Immediate Past President, ARNA
Chair, Nominations Committee
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E-mail: delma_armstrong@med.unc.edu

AMERICAN RADIOLOGICAL NURSES ASSOCIATION

HELEN MALENOCK AWARD

The American Radiological Nurses Association (ARNA) was founded in 1981 as the professional organization representing nurses who practice in diagnostic and therapeutic imaging environments. These nurses provide, promote, and maintain continuity of quality patient care to imaging environments such as general diagnostic, neuro/cardiovascular, interventional, ultrasonography, computerized tomography, nuclear medicine, magnetic resonance, and radiation oncology.

The Helen Malenock Award was established by ARNA to provide financial assistance to a radiological nurse who is interested in becoming a member of ARNA. The recipient will receive a complimentary one year membership in ARNA.

Eligibility

- Must currently work as a radiological nurse.
- Must possess a current nursing license.

Submission Requirements

- Completed Application
- Copy of your current nursing license.

To apply for the Helen Malenock Award, please complete both sides of this application. Submit the application and a copy of your nursing license to the ARNA National Office at the address below no later than December 1, 2005:

Helen Malenock Award
ARNA National Office
7794 Grow Drive
Pensacola, FL 32514
Fax 850-484-8762

Application

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Country: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please answer the questions on the back of this page. The ARNA Scholarship and Awards Task Force reviews blinded applications. The application with the highest scores will be selected as the Award recipient.

Please Return to the ARNA National Office by December 1, 2005.

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FAX (850) 484-8762 * www.arna.net * arna@puetzamc.com

Applicant's Code Number _____ (Office use only)

How long have you been an ARNA member? _____

Are you currently employed in radiology nursing? _____ Yes _____ No

How long have you worked in radiology nursing _____

Have you ever sat for the CRN Exam? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you currently a CRN? _____ Yes _____ No

Selection Criteria: Please answer all questions that apply.

1. Have you ever held a national ARNA office or served as a committee chair at the national level? _____ Yes _____ No

2. Are you currently a member of an ARNA National Committee? _____ Yes _____ No

3. Have you published an article related to radiology nursing in the *Journal of Radiology Nursing or Vision*? _____ Yes _____ No

4. Have you ever presented at a national ARNA Educational Meeting or a radiology nursing seminar? _____ Yes _____ No Date of most recent presentation _____

5. Are you a member of an ARNA chapter? _____ Yes _____ No

6. Have you ever held an ARNA Chapter office or chaired a local committee? _____ Yes _____ No

7. Have you been a speaker for a local ARNA chapter or radiology nursing related seminar? _____ Yes _____ No

8. Please list any other sources of financial aid you are currently receiving.

9. Will you use vacation/personal time or educational leave to take the CRN Exam? _____ Yes _____ No

On a separate sheet of paper please give a brief summary of why you would like to be considered for the Helen Malenock Award. Please include information on your short and long term goals regarding your continued employment in radiological nursing.

Submission Check List

Completed Application

Copy of your current nursing license

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AMERICAN RADIOLOGICAL NURSES ASSOCIATION

THE CHARLOTTE GODWIN SCHOLARSHIP

The American Radiological Nurses Association (ARNA) Charlotte Godwin Scholarship was established to provide assistance for ARNA members to attend the annual Spring Educational Meeting. The recipient will receive a complimentary registration for the annual meeting; in addition, the recipient will receive a complimentary convention registration and a cash scholarship of \$200.00 to defray the expense of attending the meeting.

Charlotte Godwin, RN, the first President and a Life Member of ARNA, believed in the importance of the specialty of radiological nursing and its commitment to quality patient care. It is hoped that scholarship recipients gain personal knowledge and work to further the advancement of radiological nursing and ARNA.

Eligibility

- Must be an active member of ARNA for at least three years.
- Must possess a current nursing license.

Submission Requirements

- Completed Application
- Copy of your current nursing license.

To apply for the Charlotte Godwin Scholarship, please complete both sides of this application. Submit the application and a copy of your nursing license to the ARNA National Office at the address below no later than December 1, 2005:

**Charlotte Godwin Scholarship
ARNA National Office
7794 Grow Drive
Pensacola, FL 32514
Fax 850-484-8762**

APPLICATION

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Country: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please answer the questions on the back of this page. The ARNA Scholarship Committee reviews blinded applications. The application with the highest scores will be selected as the Scholarship recipient.

Please Return to the ARNA National Office by December 1, 2005.
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Applicant's Code Number _____ (office use only)

How long have you been an ARNA member? _____

Are you a member of a local ARNA chapter? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you on the local chapter's executive board or a committee member? _____ Yes _____ No

Describe your contributions to radiology nursing, keeping the following areas in mind: Patient care, patient education, nursing education, research.

Describe your contributions to ARNA at the national level.

Explain why you are applying for this scholarship.

How do you plan to share your experience with others?

Submission Check List

Completed Application

Copy of your current nursing license

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AMERICAN RADIOLOGICAL NURSES ASSOCIATION
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
2005

President-Elect: The functions of the President-Elect are to fulfill duties in the absence of the President, monitor committee activities, and perform other duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors or as delegated by the President. Travel is required and expenses are reimbursed as set by ARNA policy. Three year commitment, first year as President-Elect, second year as President, and third year as Immediate Past President.

Treasurer: Works with staff to develop the budget and present it to the Board for approval and monitors the financial activities of the Society. Travel is required and expenses are reimbursed as set by ARNA policy. Two-year commitment.

Board Member: Board members direct the business and financial affairs of the Association, establish policy, foster the growth and development of the Association, and engage in strategic planning. Board members serve as liaisons to ARNA committees. Travel is required and expenses are reimbursed as set by ARNA policy. Three-year commitment.

Nominating Committee Member: The Nominating Committee oversees the elections process, solicits and screens applicants, and presents a slate of candidates to the membership for voting. The business of the Nominating Committee is conducted via conference calls; travel is not required. Two-year commitment.

NOMINATION AND CONSENT STATEMENT

A candidate must have been an active member of ARNA for a minimum of one year preceding nomination. In addition, the President-Elect should have served at least one year as a member of the Board of Directors or served as a chairperson of an ARNA national committee for a minimum of one year prior to nomination. Nomination does not guarantee that a person's name will appear on the final slate.

Full Name _____ Credentials _____

Current Position _____ Work Phone _____

Affiliation _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ Fax _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

I am willing to serve in the office of _____ if selected for nomination and elected by the membership.

Signed, _____ Member, ARNA Date _____

A Complete Candidate packet includes the following:

1. A **one-paragraph** biographical statement that includes the following information:
 - Your professional educational background
 - Your current job title and a brief description of your current responsibilities
 - Past ARNA positions, committees, or projects in which you were involved
2. A **250 word statement for inclusion with the ballot** describing what you hope to achieve through the office you seek and what you hope ARNA would achieve through your service.
3. A passport type photo for **inclusion with the ballot**
4. Your **curriculum vitae** or resume

Return your **COMPLETE CANDIDATE PACKET** to the
ARNA National Office by **December 1, 2005:**

ARNA National Office
7794 Grow Drive
Pensacola, FL 32514
or
Fax (850) 484-8762

Sample Biographical Information

I received my BSN from Biola University in 1988. Following graduation I worked in a radiology department at a small community hospital. I currently am lead nurse in an interventional radiology department of a large medical Center. Several years later, at a University Medical Center as a preceptor for new graduates, I became interested in staff development. In 1984 I received my MSN in adult health with a minor in education. Currently, I am the Director of Education for Flowers Hospital and Health System, where I am responsible for overseeing all aspects of education, including orientation, competency assessment, in-service, and continuing education as well as patient education for all levels of personnel at the four hospitals in our system. I supervise a staff of ten nurses and five support personnel and administer a budget of \$100,000.00. I have been involved with ARNA for many years. I served on the ARNA Bylaws Committee, and the Planning Committee for the 2000 ARNA Convention, and was a Star Search winner in 1998. I was instrumental in establishing our local affiliate, served as its first Secretary, and have been the President for the past three years. I am eager to expand my horizons and seek an active role on the national level as a member of the Executive Board.

Sample Statement (for inclusion with ballot)

My first exposure to ARNA was at one of the national conventions when I was brand new to the radiology nurse role. They became my role models and I aspired to achieve what they had. Now I feel I have the experience and background to be a role model for new members in our organization. In my job I have been involved with mentoring colleagues who want to work in staff development. With the escalation of technology and the rapid changes taking place in the health care arena today, it is more and more pivotal to mentor and assist anyone who desires to take on the multiple challenges faced by those of us in this specialty...increased demands for services that may change on a daily basis. Based on my involvement with our local affiliate and networking with others in our field at the annual conventions, I have become increasingly aware of the variety of settings and wide array of needs of our membership. I want to be proactive to meet these needs and look forward to being a liaison with the affiliates. I want to be a role model and mentor future leaders for ARNA. I want to explore expanding our publications and programs, look into helping affiliates plan regional meetings, and be an active participant in growing and expanding our membership. I bring my enthusiasm and energy to support the nurses in our specialty. I welcome the opportunity to represent you and your needs through this position on the Executive Board.

PLEASE NOTE: Statements are limited to 250 words. Submissions exceeding the maximum word count will be edited.

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AMERICAN RADIOLOGICAL NURSES ASSOCIATION

CRN EXAM SCHOLARSHIP

The American Radiological Nurses Association (ARNA) CRN Exam Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to ARNA members who are seeking to become certified radiology nurses. The recipient will receive a complimentary registration for the CRN Exam.

Starting in 2006, those sitting for the exam for the first time must show that they have obtained 30 contact hours of continuing education in a 2-year period. Starting in 2004, candidates may choose to re-certify by examination or by obtaining continuing education contact hours. Sixty (60) contact hours within a 4-year period are required to meet the contact hour requirements for re-certification.

Eligibility

- Must be an active member of ARNA for at least four years.
- Must possess a current nursing license.
- Must meet minimum requirements to sit for exam.

Submission Requirements

- Completed Application
- Copy of your current nursing license.

To apply for the CRN Exam Scholarship, please complete both sides of this application. Submit the application and a copy of your nursing license to the ARNA National Office at the address below no later than December 1, 2005:

CRN Exam Scholarship
ARNA National Office
7794 Grow Drive
Pensacola, FL 32514

Application

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Country: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please answer the questions on the back of this page. The ARNA Scholarship and Awards Task Force reviews blinded applications. The application with the highest scores will be selected as the Scholarship recipient.

Please Return to the ARNA National Office by December 1, 2005.

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FAX (850) 484-8762 * www.arna.net * arna@puetzamc.com

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Applicant's Code Number _____ (Office use only)

Selection Criteria: Please answer all questions that apply.

Are you currently employed in radiology nursing ? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you currently employed in radiology nursing full time? _____ Yes _____ No

If you are not employed in radiology nursing full time, how many hours do you currently work in a radiology related department per week? _____

How long have you worked in radiology nursing _____

Please give a brief summary of why you would like to be considered for the Helen Malenock Award. Please include information on your short and long term goals regarding your continued employment in radiological nursing.

Submission Requirements

Completed Application

Copy of your current nursing license.

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AMERICAN RADIOLOGICAL NURSES ASSOCIATION

DOROTHY BUDNEK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

2005

The American Radiological Nurses Association (ARNA) Dorothy Budnek Memorial Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to ARNA members who have returned to school to advance their nursing education. The recipient will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$600.00. Individuals who have been members of ARNA for at least three years are eligible to apply for the Dorothy Budnek Memorial Scholarship.

Dorothy (Dot) Budnek began her career as a Radiologic Technologist. Dot strongly believed in the importance of the nurse's role in radiology and returned to the University of South Carolina to pursue her BSN degree. She faithfully supported ARNA and attended classes at USC throughout her battle with breast cancer. In the memory of Dot, a faithful ARNA member and nursing education advocate, ARNA is proud to award a scholarship to a radiology nurse who is continuing his/her education.

Eligibility

- Must be an active member of ARNA for at least three years.
- Must possess a current nursing license.
- Must be enrolled in an approved academic program.

Submission Requirements

- Completed Application
- A statement of purpose of how these funds would be utilized in furthering or enhancing your educational goal.
- Two letters of recommendation. One should be from faculty who can attest to the potential for successful completion of the nursing program and future contribution to the field of radiology nursing.
- A transcript from the current educational institution with a minimum of a 2.5 overall grade point average.
- A statement of financial support throughout post high school higher education.
- Copy of your current nursing license.

To apply for the Dorothy Budnek Memorial Scholarship, please submit this application, a copy of your nurses license, and the materials outlined in the submission requirements, to the ARNA National Office at the address below no later than December 1, 2005:

**Dorothy Budnek Memorial Scholarship
ARNA National Office
7794 Grow Drive
Pensacola, FL 32514**

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THE AMERICAN RADIOLOGICAL NURSES ASSOCIATION
DOROTHY BUDNEK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone () _____ E-mail _____

Educational Goals _____

College/University _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Expected Graduation Date _____

List your ARNA involvement; include activity at the chapter and national level, any presentations you have given at the ARNA Educational Meetings, articles you have written for ARNA publications, etc.

List your involvement in other radiology related activity outside of ARNA.

On a separate sheet of paper, explain why you are requesting this scholarship and how you would use these funds to further or enhance your educational goals.

Submission Check List

Completed Application

A statement of purpose for requesting the scholarship and how these funds would be utilized in furthering or enhancing your educational goal.

Two letters of recommendation. One should be from faculty who can attest to the potential for successful completion of the nursing program and future contribution to the field of radiology nursing.

A transcript from the current educational institution with a minimum of a 2.5 overall grade point average.

A statement of financial support throughout post high school higher education.

Copy of your current nursing license.

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American Radiological Nurses Association
Call for Volunteers

If you are interested in contributing your skills and you are an active member, please fill out the information below for consideration of a committee appointment. ARNA's leadership looks forward to your participation.

Name _____ Credentials _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Employer _____

Address _____

Work Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____ E-Mail _____

Hours to Contact _____

Areas of Nursing Experience: ☐ Clinical Sub-Specialty (specify) _____
☐ Management
☐ Education
☐ Other (specify) _____

Education (check/fill-in all that apply)

☐ Associate in Nursing ☐ MSN
☐ Diploma in Nursing ☐ BSN
☐ Master's in Other: _____
☐ Doctorate: _____ Certifications: _____

Indicate the Committee (s) on which you would most like to serve. You may list up to three choices, however, if you list more than one choice, indicate the order of preference (#1 being your first choice, #2 your second choice, and so on).

☐ Chapters Committee ☐ Scholarship Committee
☐ Convention Planning ☐ Nominating Committee
☐ Special Teams (Volunteers for task forces that may be formed in the coming year.)

If you are currently serving on a Committee or Task Force please list it and indicate how long you have been on the Committee or Task Force: _____

Please drop this form off at the ARNA Registration Desk or fax or mail by May 1, 2005 to:
American Radiological Nurses Association (ARNA)
◆ 7794 Grow Drive ◆ Pensacola, FL 32514-7072 ◆ Fax: (850) 484-8762



American Radiological Nurses Association (ARNA)

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25th Anniversary



Call for Presentations
American Radiological Nurses Association
Annual Convention ❖ June 22-25, 2006 ❖ Las Vegas, NV

The ARNA Planning Committee invites you to submit an abstract for a presentation at the 24th Annual Convention sponsored by the American Radiological Nurses Association (ARNA) to be held June 22-25, 2006, in Las Vegas, NV. We welcome abstracts for presentation and posters from radiological nurses and others on topics in clinical practice, education, administration, research, patient education, and consultation in all practice areas. The focus of presentations should be on innovative, practical approaches that can be used in a variety of settings related to radiological care. Presentations are being sought on topics such as competency development, orientation to radiological care, elements of transition in the current healthcare environment, case management, technological advances, clinical techniques or procedures, outcome measurement, nursing administration/staff development, patient education, and others. Presentations should have an interdisciplinary focus whenever possible.

The convention will focus on innovative strategies in radiological nursing, with an emphasis on challenges to be faced in the 21st century. The goals of the convention are to:

1. Enhance the practice of radiological nurses in order to improve the quality of services provided to patients.
2. Formulate strategies to foster the role of the radiological nurse as patient advocate and educator.
3. Prepare radiological nurses for roles as clinicians, managers, educators, and researchers through:
 - analysis of effective techniques for patient education
 - advances in research strategies and methodologies
 - creative strategies in managing patients
 - identification of current and projected trends in the field
 - application of research findings into practice
 - innovative concepts in clinical practice
4. Facilitate networking and professional development of radiological nurses.

Submission Guidelines for Presentation:

The Planning Committee will review abstracts for **presentation** based on the following criteria:

- clarity of description of the content and presentation methods
- importance, depth, focus, level of audience interest
- feasibility of application to a variety of settings
- presenter's professional background and speaking experience
- absence of commercial content
- originality of topic/presentation (has not been presented at other radiological nursing programs)

Keeping the selection criteria in mind, prepare an **abstract that is 250 words** or less.

One presenter per concurrent session will receive complimentary registration for the convention.

Submission Guidelines for Posters:

The Planning Committee will review abstracts for **posters** based on the following criteria:

- clarity of description of the content and presentation methods
- importance, depth, focus, level of audience interest
- feasibility of application to a variety of settings
- presenter's professional background and speaking experience
- absence of commercial content
- originality of topic/presentation (has not been presented at other radiological nursing programs)

Keeping the selection criteria in mind, prepare a **poster abstract that is 100 words** or less.

Complete proposals for presentations and posters include 1) Presentation Submission Form with abstract and 2) Biographical & Vested Interest Form. These forms can be downloaded from the ARNA Web site at www.arna.net

The completed proposal should be sent to:

**Call for Presentations
ARNA National Office
7794 Grow Drive
Pensacola, FL 32514-7072**

Abstracts must be postmarked no later than June 10, 2005. Submissions postmarked after this date will not be considered. All submissions must be received by mail. Notification of selection of presentation will occur in August 2005.

**For further information or questions contact ARNA Convention Services ❖ Toll Free: 866- 486-ARNA (2762)
Tel: 850- 474-7292 ❖ Fax: 850- 484-8762 ❖ E-mail: arna@puetzamc.com ❖ www.arna.net**

Secretary's Report

The ARNA Board of Directors has been busy working since the annual convention held in New Orleans. New officers and Board members have settled into their roles and various assignments. Conference calls were held in April, May, and June. Communications occurred by e-mail in July and August. The Board met in Las Vegas, NV, the weekend of September 16-18, 2005.

The Board approved a request to sponsor a brick for the brick paver campaign by Sigma Theta Tau International. ARNA's name and Web site will appear on the brick we sponsored. The walkway is being constructed outside Sigma Theta Tau's headquarters in Indianapolis, IN.

Nurse's House: ARNA continues to support an annual donation to Nurse's House, Inc.

Certification Preparation Task Force: The prep course was very successful with 75 participants in New Orleans. The Task Force is continuing to work on the next steps for developing and marketing the certification preparation products.

Core Curriculum: The revision continues under the direction of Colleen Sasso's leadership. The project is nearing completion.

Orientation Task Force: The Task Force is working to develop lectures to be presented at the 2006 Annual Convention to be held in Las Vegas, NV. The Task Force chair this year is Karen Green.

ARNA's two publications: *Vision* - we are continuing our search for an editor. *Journal of Radiology Nursing* - Kathleen Gross MSN, RN,BC, CRN, has accepted the position as editor. Congratulations and welcome, Kathleen. Both publications do continue to progress and meet their deadlines for publication. Members and Board members are

encouraged to submit articles for publication to help build the pool of articles available.

The 2005 Annual Convention held in New Orleans was the largest meeting in ARNA's history with over 500 nurses attending. We received an overwhelming number of abstracts and the Planning Committee blind reviewed the abstracts, choosing topics based upon not only the quality of the abstract but also the timeliness of the topic. There were some abstracts with the same topic which made our decisions even more difficult. We also invited "featured" speakers from the New Orleans area to speak based upon their expertise and the topic for which we wanted them to speak. The pediatric sessions were expanded this year because of the increasing demand from members and based upon the reviews received from last year's convention. All of the pediatric lectures were well received. The posters continued to be a success, and we will continue to offer them. Our goal is to provide contact hours in the future for viewing posters. The networking dinners worked out for some groups but not so well for others - it is a mixed review as to whether we should offer them next year or not. Your feedback is welcomed. It is a difficult task for the Planning Committee to serve all of the needs for a wide variety of radiology nursing settings. Each year we continue to strive to work toward that goal.

Sharon Lehmann APRN, BC
Secretary

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Certification Examination for Radiologic Nursing in Imaging, Interventional, and Therapeutic Environments Recertification Candidates

Congratulations to the following CRNs who maintained their certification in August 2005. This recertification is in effect through August 2009.

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Certification/Recertification Guidelines Available!

The Radiologic Nursing Certification Board, Inc., (RNCB) and the American Radiological Nurses Association (ARNA) announce that guidelines for the certification/recertification exam in radiology nursing are available.

Starting in 2006, those sitting for the exam for the first time must show that they have obtained 30 contact hours of continuing education in a 2-year period. Candidates may choose to recertify by examination or by obtaining continuing education contact hours. Sixty (60) contact hours within a 4-year period are required to meet the contact hour requirement for recertification.

Contact RNCB at rncb@puetzamc.com or by telephone at (866) 486-2762 or (850) 474-7292 for your copy of the certification/recertification guidelines.

Certification Examination Dates

Application Deadline

December 31, 2005
June 30, 2006

Examination

February 26, 2006
August 19, 2006

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ARNA Mission Statement

The mission of the American Radiological Nurses Association is to foster the growth of radiology nurses who advance the standard of care.



Call for Newsletter Editor

ARNA is seeking an Editor for its newsletter, *Vision*. Articles in *Vision* provide information about the organization, including, but not limited to, committee, convention, certification, and membership information as well as brief articles in the areas of education, research, and patient care.

The newsletter Editor will plan, direct, and evaluate material and editorial content of the newsletter. Administrative support will be provided by the ARNA National Office staff.

Qualified applicants will have strong organizational skills and demonstrated writing and editing abilities. He/she will also have clinical expertise in radiological nursing and will be aware of the issues and trends of the nursing profession.

Individuals interested in applying for this position should contact the ARNA National Office.

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Legislative Update

Lois Curtwright, MSN, BA, RN, CPN - Chair, Public Policy Committee

The following are some updates regarding the nursing shortage, flu vaccine shortage, and patient safety as it relates to public policy.

With the flu season upon us it seems fitting to discuss what's going on in Congress to prevent future shortages. Statistically in an average year, the flu kills 36,000 people in the USA, and causes more than 200,000 hospitalizations, although the numbers can be much worse. The flu pandemic of 1918 killed an estimated 675,000 Americans.

Over the past two years the public has been faced with a flu vaccine shortage because of contamination in some manufacturing plants. The American Nurses Association has submitted a letter of support for the flu protection act of 2005 (S. 374/H.R. 813), which offers a comprehensive approach designed to prevent future vaccine shortages because of contamination in a manufacturing plant.

Flu Protection Act of 2005 will help provide a long-term solution to our nations' flu vaccine supply problems. The bill would:

- Remove the economic disincentive for manufacturers to produce an ample supply, through a government fallback purchase guarantee program.
- Create financial incentives to encourage investment in domestic vaccine manufacturing capacity.

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- Increase public awareness about who should be vaccinated and make sure families receive accurate information on the importance of the vaccine.
- Provide funding for research into improved vaccine technologies, and require the development of a protocol to disseminate the vaccine to those who need it the most in an emergency and to address other pandemic preparedness issues.

Another important issue facing nursing is the nurse shortage, which, as nurses, affects us not only in the nursing profession but how we'll be cared for in the future. In past newsletters I've discussed this issue and am updating you on what's going on in congress to look at the problem.

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved the fiscal year (FY) 2006 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill on July 21. This bill includes funding for nursing recruitment, education, and retention. The Senate Committee bill contains a total of \$155.7 million in FY 2006 funding for nursing workforce development, which is \$5 million more than the FY 2005 appropriation and \$6 million more than the FY 2006 funding level approved by the House of Representatives on June 24. The full Senate will take up the FY 2006 Appropriations bill after Congress reconvenes in September. To take action on this important issue contact your Senators to encourage them to increase funding for nursing workforce development.

- In order to educate Congress on all aspects of nursing, Representative Lois Capps (D-CA) and Representative Ed Whitfield (R-KY) have established the House Nursing Caucus.
- The nursing profession is at a critical crossroads. Numbering more than 2.7 million, RNs are the largest healthcare workforce in America. Yet the supply of nurses is failing to meet our national need. Today, the average working RN is 43 years old. The average age of working RNs is projected to continue to increase before peaking at age 45.5 in 2010. At that time, large numbers of nurses are expected to retire, and the number of nurses in America will begin a steady decline. At the same time, the need for nursing services is expected to continue to increase.
- The House Nurse Caucus will allow Members of Congress an open forum to address issues affecting the nursing community. It will also serve as a clearinghouse for information and a sounding board for ideas brought forth by the nursing community.
- The Caucus will hold regular briefings on matters such as the nurse shortage, bioterrorism preparedness, Medicare, and patient safety issues.
- Nurses are the frontline providers in health care. The Caucus will provide a forum for Members of Congress and their staff to hear about issues that affect the quality of patient care.
- Every Member of Congress who belongs to the House Nursing Caucus will have a staff person dedicated to the Caucus and its issues. This will increase the number of staff on Capitol Hill knowledgeable to nursing issues.

Additional Resources: THE NURSE REINVESTMENT ACT

The Nurse Reinvestment Act authorizes the following provisions:

- Loan repayment programs and scholarships for nursing students;
- Public service announcements to encourage more people to enter the nursing profession;
- Career ladder programs for those who wish to advance within the profession;
- Best practice grants for nursing administration as modeled after ANA/ANCC's Magnet program;
- Long-term care training grants to develop and incorporate gerontology curriculum into nursing programs; and
- Fast-track faculty loan repayment program for nursing students who agree to teach at a school of nursing

Lastly, another area addressed in Congress (s.71) was the Registered Nurse Staffing Act of 2005 (S. 71/HR 1372), which allows for the development of staffing systems that require the input of direct care registered nurses and not from non-nursing decision makers. I encourage you to review this act and the previously addressed act and offer your support by contacting your state representative.

Certification Examination for Radiologic Nursing in Imaging, Interventional, and Therapeutic Environments

Certification Candidates

Congratulations to the following candidates who sat for the Certification Examination held August 13, 2005. They have become certified, and may now use the CRN designation until August 2009.

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- ❖ HIPPA
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- ❖ Radiation Safety
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- ❖ Patient Safety Issues
- ❖ Role of the PA and ARNP in Interventional Radiology
- ❖ Patient Teaching Techniques in Interventional Radiology

For assistance in developing an idea or writing a manuscript, contact Shay Stephens at 7794 Grow Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514, (866) 486-ARNA (2762), fax (850) 484-8762, or e-mail klstephens@puetzamc.com. We're eager to hear from you!

Members in the News

- ◆ Have you recently changed jobs or received a promotion?
- ◆ Have you received an award related to your professional responsibilities?
- ◆ Have you written an article, a chapter in a book, or an entire book that has been published recently?
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- ◆ Are you serving in on the Board of Directors for a health-related community agency?
- ◆ Have you made a presentation at a professional conference or meeting?
- ◆ Have you recently traveled to another country to teach or learn more about your specialty?

If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions, please tell us about it. We would like to include it in our "Members in the News" column. Send your announcements to Shay Stephens, Members in the News, 7794 Grow Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514-7072, fax (850) 484-8762, e-mail arna@puetzamc.com

Recruitment materials (a table top display, membership brochures, and copies of *RN News*) are available for your next meeting, conference, or continuing education activity. Contact the National Office at least 6 weeks before the date needed to arrange for shipment of these display materials.

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among the best that radiology has to offer! Networking is easy....even for the beginner. Just walk up to someone you may not know at ARNA's meeting, smile, and say "Hi! I'm a radiology nurse and I'm glad you're here!" I guarantee that the two of you will have a common interest to discuss. Networking is definitely worth your time. Let me know how it goes!!

Now is the time to grow.....personally and professionally with ARNA.

Principles & Elements Of A Healthful Practice/Work Environment

Note: ARNA endorses The Nursing Organizations Alliance's PRINCIPLES & ELEMENTS OF A HEALTHFUL PRACTICE/WORK ENVIRONMENT

The Nursing Organizations Alliance believes that a healthful practice/work environment is supported by the presence of the following elements:

1. Collaborative Practice Culture

- Respectful collegial communication & behavior
- Team orientation
- Presence of trust
- Respect for diversity

2. Communication Rich Culture

- Clear and respectful
- Open & trusting

3. A Culture of Accountability

- Role expectations are clearly defined
- Everyone is accountable

4. The Presence of Adequate Numbers of Qualified Nurses

- Ability to provide quality care to meet client/patient's needs
- Work/home life balance

5. The Presence of Expert, Competent, Credible, Visible Leadership

- Serve as an advocate for nursing practice
- Support shared decision-making
- Allocate resources to support nursing

6. Shared Decision-Making at All Levels

- Nurses participate in system, organizational, and process decisions
- Formal structure exists to support shared decision-making
- Nurses have control over their practice

7. The Encouragement of Professional Practice & Continued Growth/Development

- Continuing education/certification is supported/encouraged
- Participation in professional association encouraged
- An information rich environment is supported

8. Recognition of the Value of Nursing's Contribution

- Reward and pay for performance
- Career mobility and expansion

9. Recognition by Nurses for Their Meaningful Contribution to Practice

These nine elements will be fostered and promoted, as best fits, into the work of individual member organizations of the Alliance. ~2004~

